

The **TRIPwire** Weekly Domestic OSINT IED Report provides a weekly overview of trends regarding significant domestic explosives-related incidents and features highlights of explosives-related activity.

# WEEKLY DOMESTIC OSINT IED REPORT

11-17 June 2016



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**SCOPE**

This Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) weekly report provides a national view of bomb-related threat activity within the United States and extended territories from 11-17 June 2016.



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*The Incident Types used in this report are defined as follows:*

- **Bomb-Making Material:** Materials commonly associated with IEDs but which were not assembled into a functional device at the time of discovery; this category includes both discoveries and thefts
- **Bomb Threat:** An intentionally false claim of the presence of a bomb at a certain location
- **Device Discovered:** The discovery of a hazardous device before the device was emplaced at the targeted location
- **Device Emplaced:** The discovery of a hazardous device emplaced at a targeted location
- **Device Functioned:** A hazardous device functioned
- **Suspicious Package Discovered:** The discovery/examination of an ultimately non-hazardous package

*The Infrastructure categories used in this report are derived from DHS Critical Infrastructure Sectors. They are as follows:*

Food and Agriculture	Dams
Financial Services	Defense Industrial Base
Chemical	Emergency Services
Commercial/Retail	Energy
Communications	Healthcare and Public Health
Critical Manufacturing	Information Technology
Government Facilities	Water
• Courthouse	Nuclear
• Federal Local	Other
• National Monuments and Icons	Postal and Shipping
• Parks	Private Residence
• Schools	Transportation Systems
• State	

*The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regions used in this report consist of:*

<b>Region I</b>	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
<b>Region II</b>	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
<b>Region III</b>	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
<b>Region IV</b>	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
<b>Region V</b>	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
<b>Region VI</b>	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
<b>Region VII</b>	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
<b>Region VIII</b>	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
<b>Region IX</b>	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
<b>Region X</b>	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington



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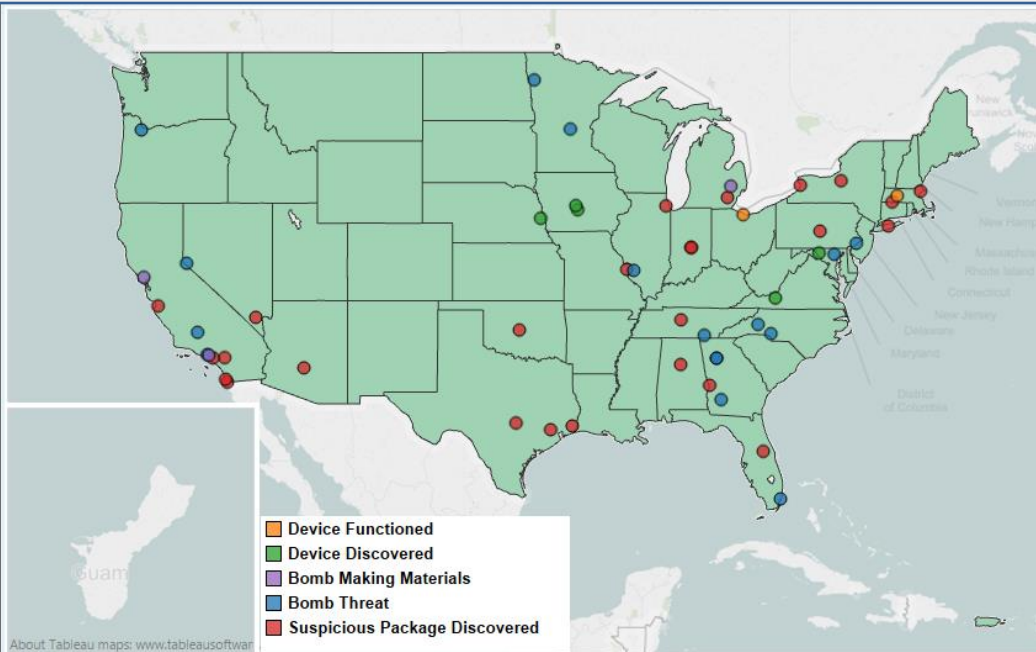
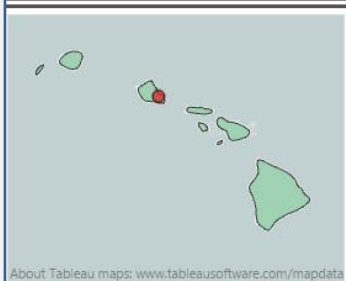
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### MAP OF IED RELATED INCIDENTS 11-17 JUNE 2016



- A total of **53** reported incidents resulted in a bomb squad response during the week of 11-17 June 2016 (see Map and *Table 1*).
- IED-related incidents resulted in **one (1)** casualty (injury) during the week.
- California was the most active state with **nine (9)** incidents.
- Suspicious Packages (**27**) were the highest reported incident type.

11-17 June 2016 Incidents By Type	Total
Device Functioned	2
Bomb-Making Material	3
Device Discovered	5
Bomb Threats	16
Suspicious Packages	27
<b>Total Events:</b>	<b>53</b>

*Table 1*



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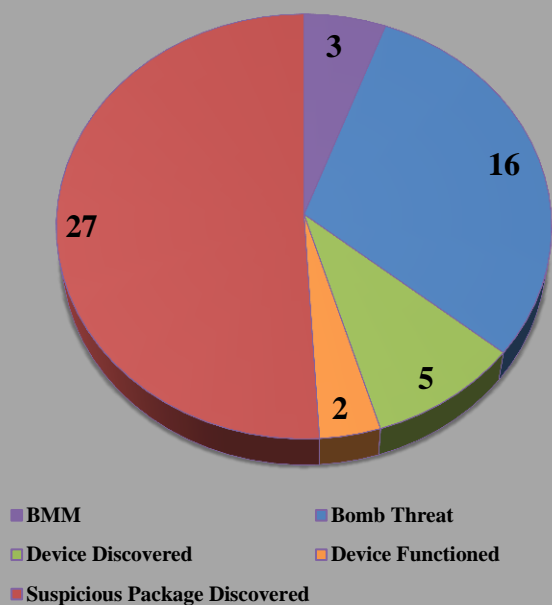
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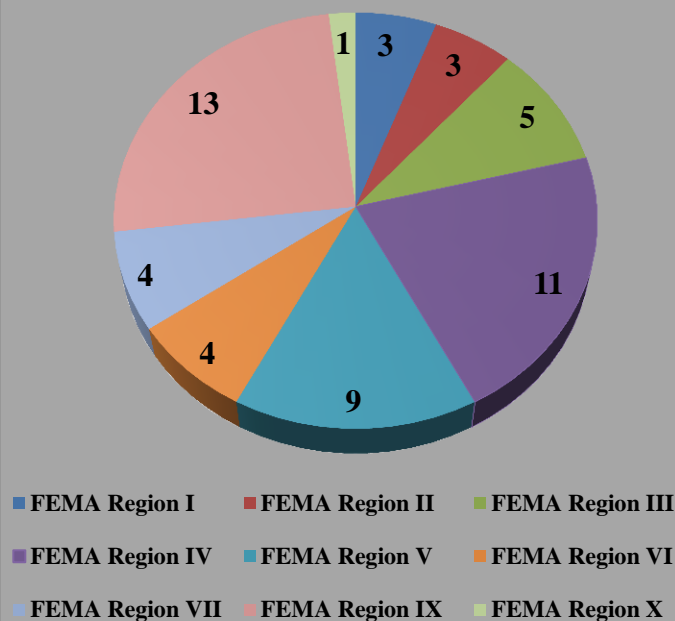
### WEEKLY TRENDS WEEK OF 11-17 JUNE 2016

**Incidents by Type  
11-17 June 2016**



*Figure 1*

**Total Incidents per FEMA Region  
11-17 June 2016**



*Figure 2*

- A total of **seven (7)** incidents involved actual explosive devices; **two (2)** Devices Functioned, and **five (5)** Devices Discovered (see *Figure 1*).
- There were **three (3)** incidents involving Bomb Making Materials (BMM) (see *Figure 1*).
- There were **16** total Bomb Threats reported (see *Figure 1*).
- **FEMA Region IX** (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) with **13** incidents (see *Figure 2*).



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Total Number of Bomb Threats and Suspicious Packages Reported by Day  
11-17 June 2016

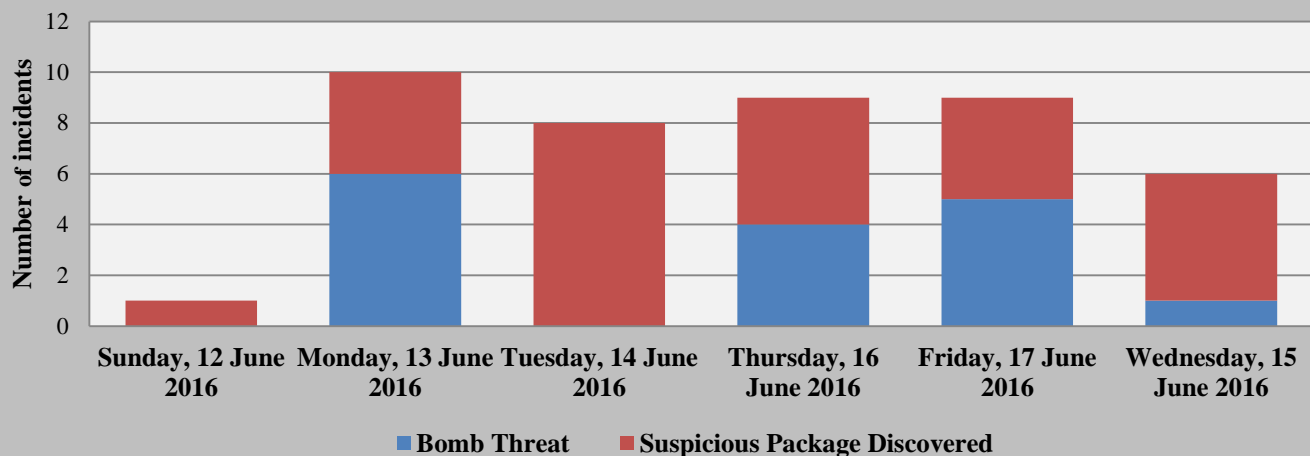


Figure 3

Total Number of Device-Related Incidents Reported by Day  
11-17 June 2016

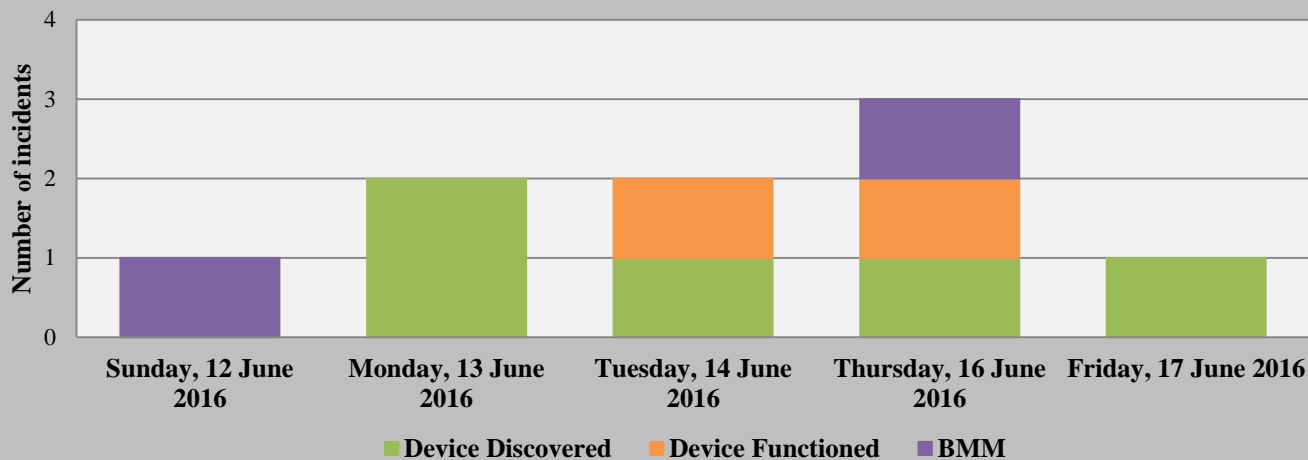


Figure 4

- Monday (6/13) and Thursday (6/16) were the most active days with a combined **12 incidents** each (see *Figure 3* and *Figure 4*).
- Sunday (6/12) was the least active day of the week, with only **two (2)** events reported (see *Figure 3* and *Figure 4*).



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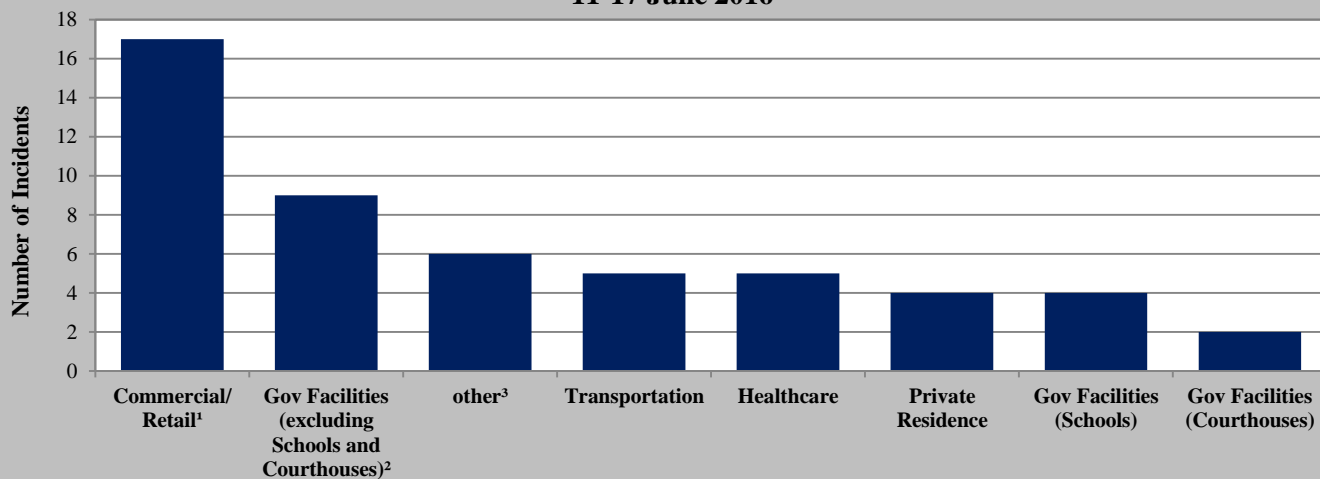
Affected Infrastructure \*\*  
11-17 June 2016

Figure 5

- The Commercial/Retail sector was most affected by IED-related events with **17** incidents (see Figure 5).
- Government Facilities excluding Schools and Courthouses (including *the Federal, State, Local, Parks, and National Monuments and Icons* sectors) had the second most events with **nine (9)** IED-related incidents each.
- Other Infrastructure (including *the Water, Postal and Shipping, Nuclear, Information Technology, Energy, Emergency Services, Defense Industrial Base, Dams, Critical Manufacturing, Communications, Chemical, Agriculture, and Banking and Finance* sectors) had **six (6)** IED-related incidents.

\*\*Sectors which had no associated incidents are not included on the graph. For a full listing of Critical Infrastructure sectors, please see the Index.

<sup>1</sup> "Commercial/Retail" includes the following subcategories: Public Assembly, Sports Leagues, Gaming, Lodging, Outdoor Events, Entertainment and Media, Real Estate, and Retail.

<sup>2</sup> "Government Facilities (excluding Schools and Courthouses)" includes the Federal, State, Local, Parks, and National Monuments and Icons sectors.

<sup>3</sup> "Other" includes the Water, Postal and Shipping, Nuclear, Information Technology, Energy, Emergency Services, Defense Industrial Base, Dams, Critical Manufacturing, Communications, Chemical, Agriculture, and Banking and Finance sectors.





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### HIGHLIGHTED INCIDENTS

WEEK OF 11-17 JUNE 2016

#### California: Police Remove Explosive Materials from Vehicle

On 12 June 2016 at approximately 0500 local time, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) received a call regarding a prowler in a residential neighborhood in Santa Monica. SMPD officers responded to the scene and arrested a 20-year-old Indiana resident after he had been knocking on doors and windows of a home. Police discovered “weapons, ammunition and explosive-making materials” while searching the vehicle. A police spokesman stated that officers found “three assault rifles, high capacity magazines, ammunition, and a bucket containing chemicals capable of forming an improvised explosive device.” The police spokesman later stated that the contents of the bucket contained Tannerite, “an ingredient that could be used to create a pipe bomb.” Police also discovered a gas can in the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.



#### Oklahoma: One Arrested in Connection to Pipe Bomb Explosion

On 12 June 2016, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies responded to Fort Gibson Lake after receiving reports of a possible pipe bomb. CCSO deputies requested assistance from Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) bomb technicians. OHP bomb technicians and ATF agents responded and disrupted the pipe bomb in place. The investigation of the UPC code on one of the fittings used to make the device led the deputies to question a male resident of nearby Tahlequah. According to the sheriff's office, the suspect admitted to manufacturing several devices, including the one found by the lake. A search of the suspect's residence revealed three additional explosive devices and materials to manufacture more, along with firearms, ammunition, several methamphetamine labs, and three previously detonated devices. Deputies took the suspect into custody.







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### Iowa: Explosives Found in Home

On 13 June 2016, deputies of the Boone County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) conducted a traffic stop in Madrid. The 39-year-old female driver consented to a search of the vehicle. A BCSO spokesman stated that deputies found "three or four potential explosives" in the vehicle. BCSO deputies arrested the suspect and obtained a search warrant for her residence. A Madrid Fire Department spokesman stated that "several more active devices were located at the residences, which were later identified as pipe bombs, as well as materials to make the explosives." Deputies arrested a 42-year-old male resident at the home. Media sources reported that "about a dozen" homemade explosives were found in the residence.



### Iowa: Grenade Found in Field

On 13 June 2016, an employee discovered a WWII-era hand grenade in a soybean field on company property in Des Moines. Bomb squad technicians from the Des Moines Police Department (DMPD) responded and disposed of the grenade. A DMPD police spokesman stated the hand grenade had "probably been on the property for decades" as the property previously was part of the Camp Dodge training facility.



### Ohio: One Injured By Fireworks

On 14 June 2016 at 1000 local time, a firework exploded in the hands of a teenager passenger while in a vehicle in Erie County. The teens drove to the Milan fire station for treatment. A spokesman from the Erie County Sheriff's Office stated the device appeared "to be commercial fireworks" and called the local bomb squad to investigate. The bomb squad removed the devices.





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### Michigan: Black Powder Explosion Levels Barn

On 14 June 2016, 2,800 pounds of black powder ignited, leveling the barn where it was being stored in Rose Township. The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), Springfield, Groveland, Holly Village, and Fenton fire departments responded. It was not immediately known why the private citizen who owned the barn was in possession of such a large amount of black powder. No further information concerning the incident was immediately released.



### Virginia: IED found on Radford University Intramural Field

On 15 June 2016, a Radford University (RU) maintenance worker discovered a suspicious device near a trashcan at the university's volleyball court in Radford. The maintenance worker notified Radford University Police (RUP) who requested assistance from the Virginia State Police (VSP). According to an RU news release, authorities quickly determined the device to be of a "pyrotechnic" nature. A VSP statement did not detail the device's construction but stated that VSP bomb technicians rendered the device safe. VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Salem Field Office is still investigating the incident.



### Massachusetts: Mailbox Destroyed by IED

On 16 June 2016 at approximately 0800 local time, Pelham Police Department (PPD) received reports of a loud explosion in Pelham. PPD officers responded to vicinity of the explosion and discovered a damaged mailbox. The Massachusetts State Hazardous Materials (MSHM) team responded as a precaution. Officers from the PPD, Massachusetts State Police and the State Fire Marshal participated in the investigation. No further information regarding the incident was immediately released.





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### **Maryland: Improvised Devices Removed from Home**

On 17 June 2016, officials from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office (MSFMO) and Maryland State Police Special Tactical Assault Team Element (S.T.A.T.E) members executed a search warrant at a Boonsboro residence after receiving tips of loud explosions on the property. A MSFMO spokesman stated evidence of "sophisticated improvised explosive devices" was found during the search, and one resident was arrested. The spokesman also stated Deputy MSFMO bomb squad technicians found a hoax device and an "almost completed pipe bomb" at the scene. The technicians rendered the devices safe and removed all bomb-making materials from the residence. The spokesman noted the suspect is not affiliated with any extremist organizations or gangs. An investigation is ongoing.





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